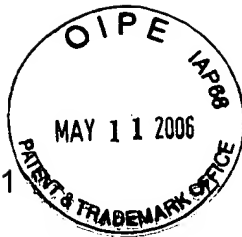


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This is in response to the Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2005 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply to expire on March 14, 2006. Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file, or the fee submitted herewith is deemed insufficient for any reason, the present submission should be interpreted to include the requisite Request for Extension of Time, and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

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